

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10 and 12-18 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 10, 12, 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected. Claims 13, 15 and 16 are objected to. Claims 9 and 17 have been amended. Claims 10-16 have been canceled. New claims 21 and 22 have been added.

Rejection under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 9, 10, 12, 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuehnhanss. Claims 10-16 have been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 15 in accordance with the examiner's recommendation. In addition, claims 13 and 16 have been rewritten in independent format as claims 22 and 21 respectively. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of claims 9, 17 and 18 as being anticipated by Kuehnhanss.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below should the Examiner have any questions regarding the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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